

Examples for Developmental Education Funding Initiatives

Developmental funds may be available in early spring 2009 for initiatives to support college readiness and the implementation of the revised college readiness standards. Typical funding amounts will be in the range of \$15,000 to \$30,000. Below are some ideas that your institution may want to consider when applying for the available one-time funds. The lists are certainly not exhaustive. Ideas are separated into categories so that they may be useful as you review your programs and make determinations about initiatives support that would college readiness at your institution.

Funding will not be awarded for supporting personnel teaching or administering developmental program initiatives but can be awarded to support faculty and staff professional development, costs of materials, and developing resources used to support college readiness initiatives.

Examples to support faculty and staff professional development:

1. Create or update and implement an online developmental education faculty training program.
2. Provide professional development monies for developmental faculty to attend conferences and workshops related to developmental education.
3. Provide professional development course training at the graduate level for faculty.
4. Create and implement training programs for middle and high school and/or adult education administrators, faculty, and staff that enhance the understanding of college readiness. The programs should focus on maximizing the number of students entering postsecondary institutions meeting and exceeding college readiness standards.
5. Provide resource materials for developmental coordinators and faculty to use in classroom instruction and/or mentoring of students.
6. Create and/or support supplemental materials used for training purposes.

Examples to support program development and assessment:

1. Assessment of developmental education programs and support services (tutoring, mentoring, advising, etc).
2. Evaluate content alignment between developmental and college level coursework.
3. Provide placement services that ensure appropriate course placement.
4. Expand testing services to include diagnostic services.
5. Develop and implement transitional coursework, especially for those students with more than one developmental area need.
6. Create, enhance, or expand early intervention programs, such as summer programs, either at K-12 or college levels.

Examples to support alternative course designs:

1. Build modular approaches for students to use to build skills, concepts, and attitudes needed for college success.
2. Develop and implement classes and workshops that will allow students to complete developmental coursework in shorter timeframes than full semester coursework allows.
3. Develop transitional coursework, especially for those students with more than one developmental need area.
4. Develop and provide materials (software or online materials) for student use prior to college course placement.

Examples to support successful transitions:

1. Create collaborations with middle and high schools that support college readiness.
2. Create, enhance, or expand early intervention programs, such as summer programs, either the K-12 or college level.
3. Provide early intentional intervention programs in the first semester of enrollment at the post-secondary institution for students exhibiting “at risk” behaviors.
4. Provide pre- and post-placement services that ensure appropriate course placement.
5. Develop and provide materials (software or online materials) for student use prior to college course placement.
6. Develop and implement a series of academic, financial, and advising workshops throughout the academic year.
7. Provide programming for “marginally” prepared high college students when “at-risk” behaviors are exhibited.
8. Develop transitional coursework, especially for those students with more than one developmental need area.
9. Create an online model for a statewide, mandated program for rising high school freshmen not meeting college readiness standards.
10. Enhance support services.

Examples for initiatives for support services:

1. Assessment of developmental education programs and support services (tutoring, mentoring, advising, etc).
2. Provide early intentional intervention programs in the first semester of enrollment at the post-secondary institution for students exhibiting “at risk” behaviors.
3. Create and/or support supplemental materials used for training purposes.
4. Develop and implement a series of academic, financial, and advising workshops throughout the academic year.